

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m. September 2, 2021

Members Present: Trustee Ruth Cico  
Trustee Mark Wilder  
Trustee Megan O'Donnell  
Trustee Mike Shepard  
Trustee Andrew Dryden  
Mayor Dick Clarke via Zoom

Absent: Trustee Bruce Stebbins

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Labor Crew Leader Dan Weir; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Codes Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck, Dennis Sick, Donna Metz, Treyonne Baldwin and PAC-B videographer Bob Edgett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #101/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of August 19, 2021, be approved.

**Carried**

### **Citizen's Comments**

**Meals on Wheels representative Treyonne Baldwin** spoke about the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event to be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) at the Canton Woods Senior Center. This will be a chance to celebrate the program and its volunteers in addition for interested individuals to find out more about the program. Food will be prepared in the MOW kitchen. Due to the Covid regulations, tables will be set up inside and out. The mayor recommended that they touch base with Chuck McAuliffe to discuss the location of tents.

**Business owner Dennis Sick** enlightened the board about his proposal for his property at 12-14 Genesee Street. Part of the walkway is the village's property the other is on his property. Sick detailed his plan to improve the property. His plans are to put a handicap ramp on the side and back of the building allowing the new front steps to add only a few inches to the current footprint. Sick plans on heating the sidewalk directly in front and on the side of 12-14 Genesee Street. A discussion ensued regarding the clearance size of the sidewalks since the DPW plows these and also the pros and cons of a heated sidewalk.

Trustee Wilder noted that any improvements to buildings in the village is a good thing. Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey noted that this property was a recipient of one of the 2020 Main Street grants. Humphrey said the next step of the process would be to go to the Planning Board.

### **Trustee's Comments**

Trustee O'Donnell mentioned that the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center will be celebrating two years of Volunteers of the Year on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The recipients for 2019 were Clara Rose Thomas and Tom Perkins and the 2020 recipients are Bob Edgett and Janet Therrian.

### **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clarke:

- Complimented Fred Thomas and reiterated on what an excellent member of the ZBA he was prior to his retirement. He will be sorely missed.
- Reminded the audience that the *Taste of Baldwinsville* event will be held on Papermill Island on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

- Gave kudos to the village’s engineer Brian Maddigan and Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey on the grant application that was submitted to the county for the Main Street improvements.
- Noted that if anyone is interested in the Baldwinsville calendar that benefits Canton Woods to look for details on Fb.
- Congratulated Lauren Russett, Executive Director of the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, on receiving a *40 Under Forty* award. She excels in the workplace and in the community.

**Department Heads**

Treasurer Anna Custer informed the board that the ARPA funds increased by \$3,262.10. This increase was due to fact that some municipalities turned down the funding.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy informed the viewing audience:

- that masks are required at Canton Woods Senior Center regardless of your vaccinated status.
- that the *annual car show* was a success. There were approximately 40 vehicles that participated.
- that the *Walk for the Woods* event will be held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Call the Center for more information.

Labor Crew Leader Dan Weir reported that there had been a couple of water breaks this week, one on Oneida Street and the other at Seneca Federal. The new water meters have been received. The DPW has removed 10 more Ash trees from Baldwin Hill. Weir noted that the resident is given a letter prior to the removal.

Police Chief Lefancheck informed the board that there was an incident on the wall of the Southwest trail and those involved were pleased with the quick response of the village’s police officers. The officers routinely do foot patrol along the wall and check on the needs of the boaters. Lefancheck also reminded motorists to be aware of buses and slow down as school will be starting next week.

**Pending Business**

- **Amendment to Resolution**

**Resolution #102/2021** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved to amend Resolution #95/2021 to read: *Resolved to purchase 200 new water meters at a cost of \$46,000.00, with funds to be taken from the ARPA funds account.*

**Carried**

The original approved resolution stated that the funds were to be taken from both the water and sewer accounts.

**New Business**

- **Appointment – ZBA Member**

**Resolution #103/2021** Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to appoint Margaret Halleron as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective October 1, 2021, at a rate of \$50.00/month.

**Carried**

The mayor noted that Margaret Halleron will be filling Fred Thomas’s vacancy. An alternate for the ZBA is still needed. If interested, please call the Village Clerk for more information.

- **Young Lungs at Play Policy – Smoke-Free Policy**

**Resolution #104/2021** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to adopt a policy that the Village of Baldwinsville is a smoke-free community and the use of tobacco, marijuana, vaping/electronic cigarettes, or any other similar substances are prohibited within any village-owned facilities including Mercer, McHarrie, Diane Reeves Little League and Community parks, Papermill Island, Baldwin Canal Square and their associated facilities.

**Carried**

This was passed after a brief discussion headed by Attorney Baldwin. It was decided that this policy should also be added to the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville. Baldwin will work on this addition.

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #105/2021** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

**Abstract #013**

• General Fund Checks	#47232 - #47266	\$ 20,279.89
• Water Fund Checks	#25047 - #25051	\$ 705.28
• Sewer Fund Checks	#23993 - #23996	\$ 3,735.18

**Carried**

- **Adjournment**

**Resolution #106/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Maureen Butler*

Village Clerk  
Village of Baldwinsville